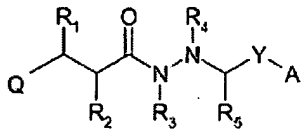
The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutical or veterinary acceptable salt, hydrate or solvate thereof



(I)

wherein

Q represents a radical of formula -N(OH)CH(=O) or formula -C(=O)NH(OH);

Y represents -C(=O)-, -C(=S)-, ~~-S(=O)-, or -SO$_2$-~~;

R_1 represents hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_1-C_6 alkyl substituted by one or more halogen atoms, or, except when Q is a radical of formula -N(OH)CH(=O), a hydroxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_6 alkenyloxy, halogen, amino, C_1-C_6 alkylamino, or di-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)amino group;

R_2 represents a substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_3 alkyl-O-C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 alkyl-S-C_1-C_3 alkyl, cycloalkyl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-, aryl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-, heterocyclyl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-, or R^1R^2N-C_1-C_3 alkyl group wherein R^1 represents hydrogen or C_1-C_3 alkyl and R^2 represents C_1-C_3 alkyl, or R^1 R^2N-represents a cyclic amino group;

R_3 and R_5 independently represent hydrogen or a substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkyl group or R_3 and R_5 taken together with the carbon and nitrogen atoms to which they are respectively attached form a saturated heterocyclic ring of from 5 to 7 ring atoms, which may be fused to a second carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, either of which rings may optionally be substituted;

R_4 represent hydrogen or a substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6

alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, C_1-C_3 alkyl-O-C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3-alkyl-S-C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 alkyl-NH-(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-, cycloalkyl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-, heterocyclic(C_1-C_3 alkyl)- or aryl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)- group; and

A represents an optionally substituted pyrolidinyl ~~a primary, secondary or tertiary amino group or a group R_6, OR_6, wherein R_6 is a substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, C_1-C_3 alkyl-O-(C_1-C_3 alkyl), C_1-C_3 alkyl-S-(C_1-C_3 alkyl), C_1-C_3 alkyl-NH-(C_1-C_3 alkyl), cycloalkyl(C_1-C_3 alkyl), heterocyclic(C_1-C_3 alkyl)- or aryl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)- group~~.

2. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein Q is an N-formyl hydroxylamine group -N(OH)CH(=O).

3. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein -Y- is -C(=O)- ~~or SO_2~~-.

4. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_1 is hydrogen.

5. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_2 is

optionally substituted C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 alkenyl, C_3-C_6 alkynyl or cycloalkyl;

phenyl(C_1-C_6 alkyl)-, phenyl(C_3-C_6 alkenyl)- or phenyl(C_3-C_6 alkynyl)- optionally substituted in the phenyl ring;

cycloalkyl(C_1-C_6 alkyl)-, cycloalkyl(C_3-C_6 alkenyl)- or cycloalkyl(C_3-C_6 alkynyl)- optionally substituted in the cycloalkyl ring; or

$CH_3(CH_2)_pO(CH_2)_q$- or $CH_3(CH_2)_pS(CH_2)_q$-, wherein p is 0, 1, 2 or 3 and q is 1, 2 or 3.

6. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_2 is methyl, ethyl, n-

or iso-propyl, n-or iso-butyl, n-pentyl, iso-pentyl, 3-methyl-but-1-yl, n-hexyl, n-heptyl, n-acetyl, n-octyl, methylsulfanylethyl, ethylsulfanylmethyl, 2-methoxyethyl, 2-ethoxyethyl, 2-ethoxymethyl, 3-hydroxypropyl, allyl, 3-phenylprop-3-en-1-yl, prop-2-yn-1-yl, 3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl, 3-(2-chlorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl, but-2-yn-1-yl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentylmethyl, cyclopentylethyl, cyclopentylpropyl, acyclohexylmethyl, cyclohexylethyl, cyclohexylpropyl, furan-2-ylmethyl, furan-3-methyl, tetrahydrofuran-2-ylmethyl, tetrahydrofuran-2-ylmethyl, piperidinylmethyl, pyrid-2-ylmethyl, pyrid-3-ylmethyl, pyrid-4-ylmethyl, phenylpropyl, 4-chlorophenylpropyl, 4-methylphenylpropyl, 4-methoxyphenylpropyl, benzyl, 4-chlorobenzyl, 4-methylbenzyl, or 4-methoxybenzyl.

7. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_2 is $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$alkyl-, cycloalkylmethyl-, $(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-S-$(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-, or $(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-O-$(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-.

8. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 7 wherein R_2 is a n-propyl, n-butyl, n-pentyl, cyclopentylmethyl, cyclopentylethyl, cyclohexylmethyl or cyclohexylethyl.

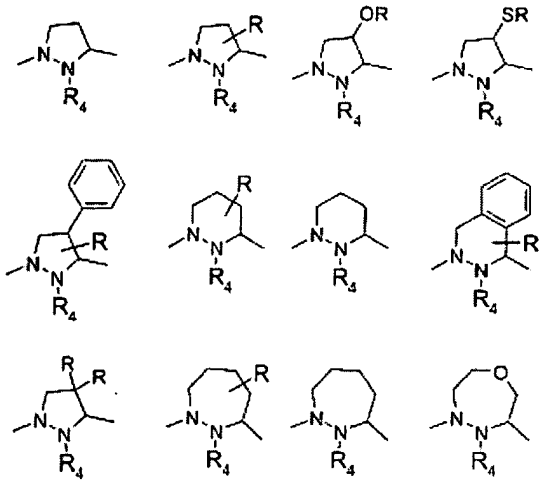
9. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed claim 1 wherein R_4 is hydrogen, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$alkyl-, cycloalkylmethyl-, $(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-S-$(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-, or $(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-O-$(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-.

10. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 9 wherein R_4 is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, n-butyl, n-pentyl, cyclopentylmethyl, cyclopentylethyl, cyclohexylmethyl or cyclohexylethyl.

11. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_3 and R_5, when not part of a ring, are independently hydrogen, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$alkyl-, cycloalkylmethyl-, $(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-S-$(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-, or $(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-O-$(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-.

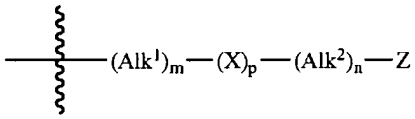
12. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 11 wherein R_3 and R_5 are independently hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, n-butyl, n-pentyl, cyclopentylmethyl, cyclopentylethyl, cyclohexylmethyl or cyclohexylethyl.

13. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_3 and R_5 taken together with the carbon and nitrogen atoms to which they are respectively attached form the following rings, wherein any sulfur atom present as a ring member may be oxidized to –SO- or $-SO_2$-, R_4 is as defined in claim 1, and R represents hydrogen or $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl:



14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein A is ~~a group NR_8R_9 wherein R_8 and R_9 when taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocyclic ring of 5 to 8 atoms optionally fused to a saturated or unsaturated carbocyclic or heterocyclic second ring of 5 to 7 ring atoms, any of which rings being optionally~~ substituted by a radical of formula (IV)



(IV)

wherein

m, p and n are independently 0 or 1;

Z represents hydrogen or a carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring of 5 to 7 ring atoms which is optionally fused to a saturated or unsaturated carbocyclic or heterocyclic second ring of 5 to 7 ring atoms,

Alk^1 and Alk^2 independently represent divalent C_1-C_3 alkylene radicals;

X represents -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)-, -C(=O)-, -NH-, -NR_7- where R_7 is C_1-C_3 alkyl;

and wherein

Alk^1 and Alk^2 and Z when other than hydrogen, independently are optionally substituted by

(C_1-C_3)alkyl, (C_2-C_3)alkenyl, or (C_2-C_3)alkynyl,

phenyl, optionally substituted by (C_1-C_3)alkyl, (C_1-C_3)alkoxy, halo, nitro, amino, mono- or di-(C_1-C_3)alkylamino, cyano or trifluoromethyl;

monocyclic 5 or 6-membered heterocyclic, optionally substituted by(C_1-C_3)alkyl, (C_1-C_3)alkoxy, halo, nitro, amino, mono- or di-(C_1-C_3)alkylamino, cyano or trifluoromethyl

benzyl, optionally substituted in the phenyl ring by (C_1-C_3)alkyl, (C_1-C_3)alkoxy, halo, nitro, amino, mono- or di-(C_1-C_3)alkylamino, cyano or trifluoromethyl,

hydroxy, phenoxy, (C_1-C_6)alkoxy, or hydroxyl (C_1-C_6)alkyl,

mercapto, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio or mercapto (C_1-C_6)alkyl,

oxo,

nitro,

cyano,

halo,

-COOH, or –$COOR^A$,

-$COONH_2$, -$CONHR^A$, or –$CONR^AR^B$,

-COR^A, -SO_2R^A,

-$NHCOR^A$,

-NH_2, -NHR^A, or –NR^AR^B,

wherein R^A and R^B are independently a (C_1-C_6) alkyl group, R^A and R^B taken together with

the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which may be substituted by (C_1-C_3)alkyl, hydroxyl, or hydroxyl(C_1-C_3)alkyl.

Claims 16-21 (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) A method for the treatment of bacterial infections in humans and non-human mammals, which comprises administering to a subject suffering such infection an antibacterially effective dose of a compound as claimed in claim 1.

23. (Previously Presented) A method of inhibiting bacterial growth in vitro and in vivo in mammals comprising applying a compound as claimed in claim 1.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) A method for the treatment of bacterial contamination by applying an antibacterially effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1 to the site of contamination.

26. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical or veterinary composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1 together with a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable carrier or excipient.